

REMARKS

This communication is a full and timely response to the final Office Action dated September 5, 2008. Claims 1-3, 6-8, 11, 14, 15, and 17-19 remain pending, where claims 4, 9, 12, 13, and 16 were previously cancelled. By this communication, claims 2, 8, 15, 17, and 18 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the underlying subject matter, and claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 14, and 19 are amended.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication in numbered paragraph 5 on page 8 of the Office Action that claims 2, 3, 6, 8 and 11 recite allowable subject matter.

In numbered paragraph 2 on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-3, 6, 14, 15, 17, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for alleged indefiniteness. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. However, in an effort to expedite prosecution the foregoing claims are either cancelled without prejudice or amended where applicable. As a result, this rejection is moot and its withdrawal is respectfully requested.

In numbered paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Office Action, claims 1, 7, and 19 were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. For example, in numbered paragraph 3 on page 4 of the Office Action, claims 1, 7, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for alleged unpatentability over *Libert* U.S. Patent No. 4,796,142 in view of *Chan et al.* U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2004/0189236. In numbered paragraph 4 on page 5 of the Office Action, claims 1, 7, and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for alleged unpatentability over the *Libert* patent in view of *Onaga et al.* U.S. Patent No. 4,807,153 in view of *Moscrip* U.S. Patent No. 5,329,768. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. However, in an effort to expedite prosecution claims 1, 7,

and 19 are amended to include the allowable subject matter previously recited in claims 2 and 8. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

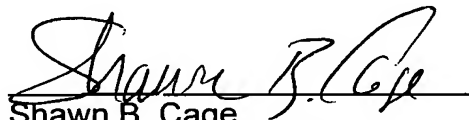
Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 11 14, and 19 are allowable and this application is in condition for allowance. In the event any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' representative identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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